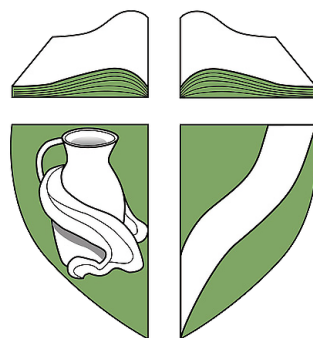




"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU
GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS
THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME
SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A
STRANGER AND YOU
WELCOMED ME, I WAS NAKED
AND YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING, I
WAS SICK AND YOU TOOK
CARE OF ME, I WAS IN
PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME."
MATTHEW 25: 35-36



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The permanent deacon exercises his ministry of **Word** through proclamation of the Gospel and preaching at Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. He may also assist in catechesis and sacramental preparation.

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 - recognized by others as a man of faith, moral integrity and commitment
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 - between 35 and 60 years of age at the time of application to the Program
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 - able to commit 10 - 15 hours per week to formation or ordained ministry
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- If married**
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 - aware of Church law concerning celibacy should your wife die
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